

Advisory Group 2009 Accomplishments 2010 Work Plan

Name of Advisory Group: Kingston Citizen Advisory Council

Advisory Group Staff: Pete Sullivan, Associate Planner, DCD

Advisory Group Officers: Co-Chairs Denise Lietz, Greg Platz

Meeting Day/Time/Location: First Wednesday each month/ 7 pm/ North Kitsap Fire & Rescue Headquarters, Kingston, Washington

Part 1: Advisory Group Purpose/Mission Statement

The Kingston Citizen Advisory Council has been formed to provide a forum for community discussion on the many issues and interests found in the community. It is hoped that the formation of this council will foster enhanced communication between the residents of the Kingston area and Kitsap County government, as well as coordinate efforts of the many council and community residents currently at work on improving the Kingston community.

The Mission of the Kingston Citizen Advisory Council (KCAC) is to:

- Actively facilitate communication among the Kingston Community,
- Mutually develop and promote a sense of community vision and pride,
- Communicate to the County and other government entities the desires and concerns of the Kingston community,
- Bring to the Kingston community issues and projects of the County and other government entities, and
- Provide feedback and recommendations to the County and other government entities regarding the community's response and concerns.

Part 2: Accomplishments in 2009

- Held monthly meetings with the Council, providing presentations of interest to all Kingston residents.
- Presented Kingston Open House (March 18, 2009) to provide an informal evening where all in the community can learn about Kingston, local organizations and projects planned for the area.
- Participated in the North Kitsap Trails Association.
- Reviewed and made minor revisions to the KCAC bylaws.
- Continued with sub-committee reviews of parks and open space, ferry system, roads and communication issues.
- The Downtown Kingston Master Plan Sub-Committee led a group of community members in developing this plan to assist in future planning efforts and possible inclusion in the Kingston Sub-Area Plan. Extensive work was accomplished and draft was presented to the Planning Commission, but eventually was put on hold by Kitsap County Board of Commissioners.
- Improved communication with other North-end CACs to facilitate information sharing.
- Facilitated development of the Village Green Park.

Part 3: Proposed Goals/Objectives or Plans for 2010

- Coordinate information sharing from other Kingston Planning groups (e.g. Village Green, Stakeholders, etc.) to improve community livability and economy.
- Continue to participate in efforts to improve transportation issues in Kingston, specifically with WA Ferries and transit providers.
- Support improvement of Port as economic engine (e.g. water transit to Seattle, recreational/tourism, business/entertainment hub).
- Coordinate with other north-end community advisory councils, specifically relating to communication with north-end citizens.
- Continue Downtown Kingston Master Plan efforts.
- Encourage KCAC members to disseminate information to respective constituencies in order to improve community's overall knowledge of issues impacting the Kingston area.